



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Paul S. Ryan
805 15th Street, NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005

RE: MURs 7017 & 7019
DE First Holdings, *et al.*

Dear Mr. Ryan:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your complaint dated February 24, 2016, but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that the Respondents violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, on May 10, 2018, the Commission closed the files in these matters. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016), effective September 1, 2016.

The Federal Election Campaign Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Claudio J. Pavia, the attorney assigned to this matter, at cpavia@fec.gov or (202) 694-1597.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Shonkwiler", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Shonkwiler
Assistant General Counsel